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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director of Current Intelligence
THROUGH : Chief, Sino-Soviet Bloc Area
FROM : Chief, China and Asian Satellites Division
SUBJECT : Preliminary Evaluation of GRC Mission C395C,
Flown on 20 July 1965

1. This mission covered several high priority targets on Hainan Island. The last coverage of Hainan Island was obtained on 2 July. Two operational airfields, one new airfield under construction, and a number of barracks areas and naval installations were photographed in good quality photography. With the exception of a reduction in the air order-of-battle, no unusual developments were disclosed.

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Airfields

3. Both of the two jet fighter bases on Hainan Island were covered. At Haikou, on the northern side of the island, the air order-of-battle was about the same as it was on 2 July. In this mission, 9 MIG-19 (FARMER) and 15 MIG-15/17 types were noted on the field. On 2 July there were 7 MIG-19's, one other probable MIG-19, and 18 MIG-15/17 types.

4. The photography showed only 6 MIG 15/17 types and one other possible MIG-15/17 type at Lingshui. Previously there had been a full regiment of 34 MIG-15/17 types there. These aircraft apparently moved out undetected in COMINT. However, there has been no recent complete coverage of Lungshui and the aircraft could have been moved out earlier.

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5. A new airfield first detected under construction in photography of 19 April at Chih Lai Shih on the northern side of Hainan was again photographed. It now has a NW/SE concrete runway 5700 feet in length and appears serviceable. Firing-in butts, ammo storage revetments, barracks and support buildings, and a number of trucks were in evidence, but there were no aircraft on the field.

Naval Installations

6. The two major naval bases--Haikou and Yulin--were photographed. There has been no significant changes in the naval order-of-battle. No submarines or major surface force ships were in evidence. There were six large freighters at the Yulin base.

7. A suspect cruise-missile site near Lingshui was photographed, but there was no evidence of missile related equipment in the area.

Miscellaneous Military Installations

8. A number of military barracks areas, supply depots, and AAA installations were photographed with no significant developments noted.

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